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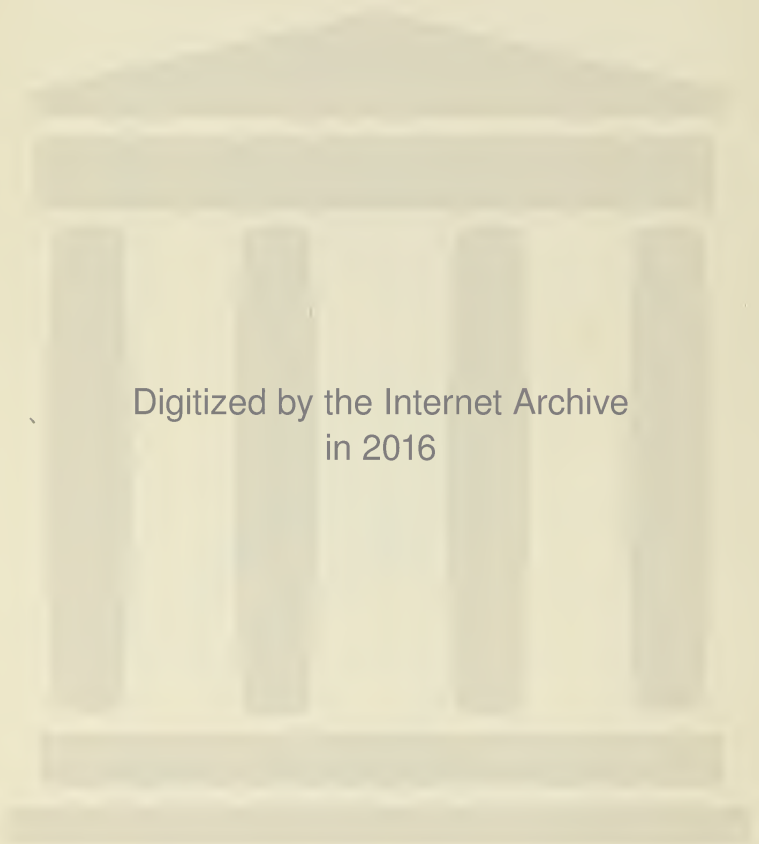
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Biography

SIDNEY ELMER SIMPSON was born in Carrollton, Greene County, Ill., September 20, 1894; attended the public schools and was graduated from Carrollton High School; during the First World War served in the United States Army, with overseas service; owner of Simpson Motor Co. and Simpson Bus Co.; served as chairman of the Greene County Republican Committee; member of the executive committee of the County Chairman's Association of Illinois; city treasurer of Carrollton, Ill., for one term; member of Carrollton Board of Education; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1943, until his death; had been renominated to the Eighty-sixth Congress; died in Pittsfield, Ill., October 26, 1958; interment in Carrollton City Cemetery, Carrollton, Ill.

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Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *January 7, 1959.*

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 17) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable SID SIMPSON, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I move as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 9, 1959, at 12 o'clock noon.

MONDAY, *January 12, 1959.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

S. Res. 14

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable SID SIMPSON, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until 10 o'clock antemeridian on Monday next.

Remarks by Representative Allen

Of Illinois

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad duty—one which I little thought would ever befall me—of officially announcing to the House of Representatives the death of our beloved colleague, SID SIMPSON, who passed away on October 26, 1958.

Congressman SIMPSON had represented the 20th Illinois District since the 78th Congress; and it was on October 26, 1958, while he was campaigning for reelection to this Congress that he was stricken with a fatal heart attack only moments after dedicating a new hospital at Pittsfield, Ill. His beloved wife, Edna Simpson—whom we are honored to have with us as a Member of this body—was at his side at the time of his death.

Representative SIMPSON was born in Carrollton, Ill., on September 20, 1894, and received his education at the Carrollton public school. He served his country with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I, and was one of the founders of the American Legion. He was a businessman, having had his own business for 40 years. Always active in politics, he had just retired as chairman of the Greene County, Ill., Republican Committee—a post he had held for 28 years.

His friendliness and his devotion to his duties were his two outstanding characteristics. He attained recognition and high rank on the important Agriculture Committee and served as chairman of the District of Columbia Committee during the 83d Congress. He, also served as a member of the National Republican Congressional Committee, and as vice chairman of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Our late beloved colleague used his every honest effort to bring about a lasting world peace; communism had no greater foe. He dedicated himself to the proposition that we have the "best form of Government for the people in the history of the world," and he emphasized that we must fight to keep it the best Government.

He believed that honor went to those who achieved success by hard work and he practiced that principle. He also believed that it was the duty of the Government to give the people the kind and the amount of government they need at a price they can afford to pay.

Our late colleague is survived by his charming wife, and two lovely daughters, Mrs. Arthur Stoffel, Jr., of Racine, Wis., and Janet, who is working with her mother to carry on the fine representation Congressman SIMPSON for so many years afforded the people of the 20th Illinois District.

There was no formality about our beloved colleague; he was known as "SID" to all of us.

SID was a lovable soul, and it was my privilege to have had him as a close, personal friend. He possessed the finest of traits—as a husband, as a father, as a friend, as a legislator, and as a businessman. He had an unequalled sense of humor, and how we miss it in these Halls. SID was loyal, always sincere, always fair.

His loss is such a personal one with me that it is difficult for me to say all that is in my heart.

When I think of SID, I can only console myself with the oft-quoted and beautifully expressed words of James Whitcomb Riley:

I cannot say and will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—Oh, you, who have the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away.

My profound sympathy goes out to Mrs. Simpson, to Janet, to Martha. I can only say that time will bring them consolation in their many cherished memories of SID; in the knowledge that his life was full and overflowing with kindness, good deeds, and devotion to his family and country.

Our dear friend SID has not left our midst—"He is just away."

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, no one could have a closer friend, nor a better one, than I had in SID SIMPSON. We consulted with each other on many matters, each of us well knowing that we could always rely upon an utterly frank expression of opinion. Whether he agreed with you or not, SID was one of those individuals that said exactly what he thought. I always found in him a man of convictions with the courage of his convictions to express them frankly.

SID was an outstanding Member of this body. He served his district well. This is attested to by the number of years he served with us. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture, he contributed much to the farm area he represented and contributed much to our deliberations on various farm problems.

He had a keen sense of humor. Often his humor in stories and anecdotes were not solely to amuse but to make a point. With an anecdote he could say more pointedly and more emphatically than many of us could say with many words.

With the passing of SID SIMPSON there is indeed a void in this House. I miss him not only as a colleague. I miss him as a personal friend of long standing.

His lovely wife is serving here in his place. I extend to her, and to his two wonderful daughters my sincere sympathy. Theirs is a great loss. We share that loss with them.

Remarks by Representative Mason

Of Illinois

Mr. MASON. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our colleague SID SIMPSON is evidence of the fact that in life we are in the midst of death. It is difficult on occasions like this to find proper and adequate words to express our feelings. Because I feel the inadequacy of my vocabulary to express the proper feeling, I shall use the beautiful words of an unknown poet who expressed the hope and faith that we all need, and consolation and solace for those who have been left behind.

The poem is entitled "There Is No Death."

There is no death! the stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! the dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow tinted flowers.

There is no death! although we grieve
When beautiful familiar forms
That we have learned to love
Are torn from our embracing arms.

Although with bowed and breaking heart,
With sable garb and silent tread
We bear their senseless dust to earth,
And SAY that they are dead.

They are not dead! they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

Tho' disenthralled and glorified,
They still are here and love us yet;
The dear ones they have left behind
They never can forget.

Remarks by Representative Martin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my good friend, the chairman of the Illinois Republican delegation, Mr. Allen, in paying tribute to a beloved friend and colleague.

During his many years in Congress SID SIMPSON won the respect and esteem of all of us regardless of political faith. He was a man of great ability and of fine courage and was devoted to the service of his State and country. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the District of Columbia, he made notable contributions.

He was a man of solid commonsense and had a practical knowledge of problems that gave him great influence among his associates.

In the passing of SID SIMPSON his legion of friends have suffered a great loss, and to Mrs. Simpson and her family we extend our sincere sympathy. To Mrs. Simpson, who is so bravely and efficiently carrying on the work of her beloved husband, we particularly voice our deep regrets.

SID SIMPSON served his day and generation with distinction, and he will be ever remembered as a good, true friend and a great American.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join the distinguished gentleman from Illinois and his colleagues from that great State in their expression of tribute to the life and service of our late beloved colleague. It was my honor and privilege to serve for many years on the Committee on Agriculture with SID SIMPSON. He was one of the finest members of our committee, as, indeed, he was one of the finest Members of this House. He was a man of great ability. He was kind. He was considerate of others. He had a sense of humor which carried him through the many problems which confronted him as a representative of a great district in a troublesome era.

I join the gentleman in extending to his widow, our distinguished colleague, Mrs. Simpson, and their children my own personal regrets, and I extend to them, too, the deepest sympathy of Mrs. Albert in their bereavement. They have lost a wonderful husband and father. We have all lost a dear friend. Our country has lost a great legislator and statesman.

Remarks by Representative Church

Of Illinois

Mrs. CHURCH. Mr. Speaker, to many of us it is incredible that we are here called upon to pay tribute to our own SID SIMPSON, whose warmth of heart, whose gaiety of spirit, seem so close that we cannot yet realize that he has gone. He represented a great State, and a great district in that State. I think perhaps more than any other man in the House he would often say: "I know what my district thinks of this." He never failed to vote that way.

I like to think of him as I knew him as a friend, as I saw him with his family, as I watched him walk among his own people, humble, capable, full of the confidence that a man who has succeeded by his own effort manages to achieve. I like to think of him as he was here last summer, still laughing with us, still loving to play an occasional trick on Les Arends by going down to the floor of the House indicating that he might change his vote, when he had no intention of doing so. I like to think of him as he stood and said, when others left, "There is no death." Today we know that to be true about SID SIMPSON himself. We, of Illinois, will always miss his practical mind, his keen judgment, and his warm friendliness. We know something else—we know that with full vigor, with unstinting industry, with unsurpassed loyalty to our great country, he gave his yesterdays that we who remain may carry on today and tomorrow in the path that he outlined so clearly for us.

To his family I continue to offer my understanding and affectionate sympathy. We, who loved him too, appreciate the depth of their loss.

Remarks by Representative Springer

Of Illinois

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I wish I could gather together all of those who have served in this House since 1940. I know they would join me in saying "In losing SID SIMPSON we have lost a friend."

SID SIMPSON was a man of deep conviction and sincere in his devotion to the political philosophy which he advocated. His long record in the Congress is evidence of his ability to sustain that belief.

His was a full life and his achievements for his own people were countless. For almost 30 years he served his community, his State, and his Nation—in one capacity or another.

Thomas Carlyle, in a great essay, said that the truly great man was one who possessed a healthy soul, attuned to the laws of God, as well as a healthy body, attuned to the laws of nature. During the years I knew SID SIMPSON, I found him possessed of this standard of true greatness.

All of us in the House, regardless of party, looked upon SID SIMPSON with an affection that was not only deep but personal. And in his community he was regarded as a friend by every family who hoped he would drop in for a visit.

This genuine and unaffected interest in others' problems was the characteristic that set him apart from other men.

He was gentle, he had the gentleness of a strong man who had no need to cover up weakness. He was witty and it was a kindly wit which carried not a trace of malice.

As a result, people who knew him were happy with him and sad when he was sad. This resulted in close friendships often denied us who do not have these rare qualities.

Death must come to all of us, at some time. I wonder if many of us could have met death at a better or more appropriate time.

He was dedicating a hospital in his district. For one who had a serious ailment for so long—and keeping it to himself—he must have realized the value of such an institution. I cannot believe that SID SIMPSON could have chosen a better opportunity to depart this life than that which fate directed for him.

He was doing what he liked best—helping others in a great cause—speaking for better health facilities for his people.

I have been his friend—and he mine—for over 10 years. He was a public servant whose counsel and advice I sought and respected. In SID SIMPSON, I lose not only a good friend but a valued colleague of whom I have only the fondest and happiest of recollection and experience.

Remarks by Representative Hoeven

Of Iowa

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, SID SIMPSON and I came to Washington together as Members of the 78th Congress. Throughout the years we were closely associated as members of the Committee on Agriculture. Representing agricultural districts, we had many common interests and problems.

SID SIMPSON was one of the most astute politicians I have ever known. If I am not mistaken, he served as Republican county chairman of his home county in Illinois throughout his service in the Congress. SID never had any trouble in being reelected, and his name was so well known in his district that upon his passing his widow was elected to take his place without any difficulty.

SID SIMPSON liked to tell stories, and some of the gems coming from his lips were priceless. He was well liked and respected by his colleagues and a host of friends. He was an able Representative who was very zealous in looking after the interests of his constituents. Conservative in thinking, he was that type of rugged American who thoroughly believed in the Constitution and the rights and prerogatives of the States. One always knew where SID SIMPSON stood on controversial issues, and once having made up his mind, he adhered to his honest convictions.

I regret SID's sudden passing. The Committee on Agriculture does not seem the same without him. The memory of his service here will linger with us in the days ahead. SID served well his day and generation, and I am confident that this old world is just a little better because SID SIMPSON lived and walked among us.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was very grieved when I read of the death of my late dear friend, SID SIMPSON. God never made anyone better than SID SIMPSON. I do not know what more I can say. He was one of the grandest men I have ever met or that anyone ever will meet in the journey of life. I could talk about him all day, about the fine qualities he possessed and what he symbolized. I will make my remarks short and simply say the good Lord never made anyone better than SID SIMPSON.

Remarks by Representative Byrnes

Of Wisconsin

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am sure the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen] in his opening remarks expressed what is in the hearts of all of us with respect to our late colleague, SID SIMPSON. Certainly he was a conscientious legislator and public servant, and to all of us a wonderful friend. We all, I am sure, will miss him greatly.

To his wife and daughters I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, SID SIMPSON represented as much as any man I ever knew the spirit of Illinois. His were the attributes of simplicity, of humility, of industry, of understanding of persons on all levels, and of straightforwardness that characterized Abe Lincoln. In many ways he seemed to me a modern Lincoln. He had no affectations. He never bowed the knee to pretense. He was as gracious with the humblest as with the mightiest. This, Mr. Speaker, is one of the truest measures of greatness. No person is ever great who has in his character the flaw of pretense, because to pretend is to deny the purpose of man's creation as a human instrumentality of God's purpose.

No man ever lived further from pretense than SID SIMPSON. No man ever lived closer to all his fellow men—and, Mr. Speaker, I would say in this closer to God—than SID SIMPSON. And always he lived with a smile. Always when I shall think of SID SIMPSON I will think of that smile of his, a smile that reflected his love for his fellow man and his faith that all was for the best. When one has that faith of SID SIMPSON's the problems of the moment are dissolved in the assurance that the storms of the moment will be succeeded by the sunshine.

SID SIMPSON was my beloved friend for many years. Every day the horizons of my world narrow. They were very much narrowed when the word came to me that SID SIMPSON had passed away. To his widow, always so close to him in life, and to the children so deep in his affection goes my profound sympathy. They have the heritage of priceless memories.

SID SIMPSON was a Republican, a Republican Member of this Congress and a Republican leader in his district and in Illinois. Yet I do not think that party lines counted too

much with SID SIMPSON and his constituents. There are differences in political philosophies and in partisan approach to legislation but the clash of philosophies and of partisanship is, as we in the Congress all know, magnified beyond the measure of reality. SID SIMPSON was elected from a district in Illinois that had sent to the Congress one of its great Speakers, the Honorable Henry A. Rainey, a Democrat. He came from a district that had sent to the House the Honorable Scott Lucas, a Democrat who later was elected to and became majority leader in the other body. It was a Democratic district and I doubt if any other person than SID SIMPSON could have carried it for the Republican Party. Election after election he won in a gallop, not necessarily because he was a Republican, but certainly in no little measure because he was just SID SIMPSON. In his passing Illinois has lost a distinguished and beloved son who carried on in his service to the Nation the finest traditions of our State.

Remarks by Representative Michel

Of Illinois

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, last fall in the closing days of the campaign, I was terribly shaken, when driving home from one of my meetings, to learn via the radio waves of SID SIMPSON'S fatal heart attack that evening. None of us who knew SID so well would have suspected that he would be taken from us so suddenly. Never did I hear him complain of suffering any physical discomfort, and if he did, he was not the kind to burden another with his distress. While small of stature, he was a pillar in his community and a tower of strength to all those who knew him, loved him, and respected him.

I cannot help but recall how evident this was when we attended the funeral in SID'S hometown of Carrollton, Ill. When the hosts of people gathered from far and near to pay their last respects, we found the citizens of Carrollton stunned and sorely grieved for one who lived and played so big a role in their community. Flags at half-mast stretched a cordon around the entire downtown area, and one could feel with heavy heart and deep emotion that here was a man for whom the entire Nation mourned.

Much has already been spoken, and many more kind words will be said about the life and character of SID SIMPSON this afternoon. I would simply concur in all the good things spoken about SID, for to me he was always considerate of others, although standing firm for his own convictions. He was soft spoken but determined; gentle but unwavering. I sought his wise counsel and good judgment many times and always found it to be sound.

Personally I have suffered the loss of a warm friend and fatherly counselor. This House has lost one of its most tried,

tested, and valued Members. The country has lost a devoted, dedicated, patriotic public servant. And to Edna and the girls, I know the loss is unspeakable, and hope some small measure of comfort will be theirs in the knowledge that we here share their profound loss.

Remarks by Representative Boyle

Of Illinois

Mr. BOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to a man whose passing has filled our hearts with sorrow, our late colleague from the 20th Congressional District of Illinois, the Honorable SID SIMPSON.

He was born at Carrollton, in Greene County, Ill., where he was engaged in business for 30 years. In that community he served his political party as Republican chairman of Greene County for a period of 30 years.

During World War I, SID SIMPSON was with the American Expeditionary Force in France and became a charter member of the American Legion.

On January 3, 1943, he first took the oath of office in this chamber as an elected Representative of the 20th District of Illinois and until the time of his death, October 26, 1958, he was a faithful servant of his people.

Our late colleague performed his duties and pursued his way with little agitation or acclaim. He was a sincere and able representative of his constituency, as indicated by the press comments at the time of death—that he was "an unbeatable candidate."

As senior Republican member of the House District Committee, SID SIMPSON was chairman of that committee during the 83d Congress. He had been a member of that committee since he came to Congress in 1943, and never ceased his activity and interest in legislation relating to his Nation's Capital.

He was third-ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee, where he had served all but the first 4 years of his 16 in Congress.

His many years of public service gave him a great knowledge of the practical side of lawmaking. He made a host of friends both in and out of Congress. He regarded the

problems of others as his own. Many a citizen in his district can testify to acts of kindness by him.

During the closing weeks of the 2d session of the 85th Congress, toward the end of August, Mr. SIMPSON joined with other Members of the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a Member from Illinois who was retiring from the House. The pages of the Congressional Record record among his remarks these words, "Only time will tell whether a person belongs to the ages." And so today we pause to pay tribute to one whose public service is now marked for recognition in the history of this legislative body.

Like most quiet individuals, SID SIMPSON was a careful and consistent student of legislation. He was a great believer in the truth. He went about his work of ruling himself and of legislating for his Nation with that quiet confidence, that modest earnestness, which marks a gentleman who believes in good government.

To the people of Illinois, he was more than just a man whose material existence extended over 15 years in the Congress of the United States. One in public life certainly does not have an easy life—often criticized, misunderstood, and falsely accused. Those of us who knew this man knew him to be modest, cautious, and honest. It took fortitude and strength of character, plus an undaunted honesty, to withhold a statement of opinion upon a controversial subject until after he was satisfied that he had recognized in his thinking all the facts in the case.

In his associations as a public servant, I am reminded of one particular characteristic that stands out clearly in the minds of those who knew him, namely, his faith in his fellow men. He always behaved as a plain, straightforward, and conscientious official, meeting everybody on the same level and keeping an eye single to the public good.

To his courageous wife, and two daughters, who have carried on with exemplary faith, I extend my deepest sympathy. May their bereavement grow less poignant every day so that their loss may be only akin to pain—resembling sorrow as the mist resembles the rain.

Remarks by Representative Rayburn

Of Texas

Mr. RAYBURN. SID SIMPSON's passing touches us all deeply. He was a good and true man. His gentleness was recognized by all. He was a gentleman of the first order.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, what does one say to adequately express the deep sense of loss at the death of a friend?

Those of us who knew SID SIMPSON through the years as one of our beloved colleagues will remember him as long as memory lasts.

We will remember him for his keen sense of humor, a capacity for seeing the lighter side of life, which time after time helped so much to leaven the workaday cares here on the floor of this Chamber.

I will always remember SID, not only as a colleague but as a companion who asked nothing of his fellow men but their good will.

We will remember him for his fierce loyalty to the party of his choice, the Republican Party, for which he worked with such untiring devotion for so many, many years.

And we will remember SID SIMPSON for his effectiveness as a distinguished member of the Committee on Agriculture, to which he made so many fine contributions during his career in the Congress of the United States.

I have often said that the frequency with which a Member appears in the well of the House is not a true measure of a man's worth to the legislative processes.

Many of our most valued colleagues do their most effective work in the long hours of committee study and deliberation.

SID SIMPSON was one of those.

I received the word of his passing last fall with shock and sadness, and I miss him sorely.

To his bereaved widow, who is now among us, and to his daughters, I offer my heartfelt sympathies.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep feelings of great sorrow that I pause to eulogize the memory and lifework of my dear, intimate friend and colleague, SID SIMPSON. He departed this life on the 26th day of October 1958 scarcely a week before the eve of his election to a ninth term in the Congress.

SID SIMPSON was a true patriot—he served in the AEF in World War I and, as an active member of the American Legion Post at Carrollton, Greene County, Ill., was always in the forefront serving the veterans and their families in their needs and problems. He, as a founder of the American Legion, also attended the Legion conventions and participated in the debates and committee activities.

He was always interested in State legislative matters. He corresponded with members of the Illinois General Assembly on matters affecting business and farm interests, and during my membership—22 years in the Senate and House of Representatives—he frequently visited me in Springfield and made known his interests in these matters.

SID SIMPSON was a person of strong and positive principles and could not be swayed by purely emotional appeals or on arguments based on factless data and without the logical sequence of reason in straight thinking. He was unswerving in his loyalty to Republican principles.

He was a person who valued his friendships and enjoyed being with them. He was devoted to his family and was always happiest in the company of his dear wife, Edna, who functioned as his business, legislative, and political partner, both in his activities in Washington and campaigning at home. He lived and died a Republican leader in his com-

munity. She experienced the ultimate proof of her public acceptance on the drafting of her candidacy and her election to the office within scarcely 1 week. It was just what he would have asked for from the Republican Party as the final blessing to his memory and career.

We loved SID and he, in his quiet, gentle, and knowing way, responded with a warmth of feeling. The Nation and Illinois have lost a valued statesman and patriot. We mourn and pray with his two lovely daughters and his sweet, loving wife, the talented Congresswoman, Edna Simpson, that God grant him his merited reward of peace everlasting, for a life of sacred service to his Nation and fellow man.

Remarks by Representative Chiperfield

Of Illinois

Mr. CHIPERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved and shocked to learn of the sudden passing last fall of my colleague and friend, SID SIMPSON.

He always impressed me with his sincerity, his forthrightness and his utter simplicity.

I personally knew many of his constituents as prior to the last redistricting of Illinois I had the honor to represent part of the district which SID later served. We worked in close cooperation on matters of mutual interest to the State of Illinois, and our respective districts.

SID'S people believed in his integrity and his courage to face up to an issue. They always spoke to me most highly of his fine service.

He was known as an outstanding authority on farming and dairy products, and was an able member of the House Agriculture Committee. Many of his colleagues leaned heavily upon him for advice in this field. He also had wide business experience which assured a sound approach on legislative matters.

SID was a hard worker, devoted to his duties and to his country. He had an attendance record second to none.

The State of Illinois and the Nation has lost one of its outstanding legislators and foremost citizens. Personally I have lost a warm friend, one for whom I had great regard and affection.

I join with my colleagues in expressing sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Bass

Of Tennessee

Mr. BASS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory and life of SID SIMPSON. I can say that I knew him well, I liked him very much, and his passing gave me a profound grief. Some of the most pleasant experiences I have had while a Member of Congress have been in association with SID SIMPSON. I served with him on the Committee on Agriculture where I found him to be a hard worker, a sincere man, and a dedicated public servant.

I was a member of the same golf club with SID and I know him as a man who knew how to live. He enjoyed life.

In my last conversation with SID he was telling me that he hoped in the near future to have his service behind him so that he could relax and enjoy life after a busy life as a businessman and a Member of Congress.

I extend to his charming wife and his lovely daughters, my deepest sympathy and condolence in their grief.

Remarks by Representative Derwinski

Of Illinois

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, although I was not privileged to be a Member of this distinguished body when the late Honorable SID SIMPSON served as a Member from Illinois 20th District, I want to join my colleagues here today in paying tribute to this great American.

SID SIMPSON was known to all of us in Illinois for his services to the people of his district and the State. It was a sad day for the country, the State, and the Republican Party when he departed from us. We must admire men of his stature for their honest approach to government and their demonstrated integrity.

I knew of SID SIMPSON through his close friendship with my distinguished predecessor from the Fourth District of Illinois, the late Dr. William McVey, who also died in office last year. Dr. McVey spoke to me often about Congressman SIMPSON's dedication to duty and the people of his district, and certainly his opinion of men with whom he was in daily contact can only be respected.

The respect that the late SID SIMPSON received from the people of the 20th District of Illinois for the 14 years he was their Representative serves as a public endorsement of his integrity. I know, too, that his integrity, ability, and above all his devotion to his duty as a Congressman, was known and appreciated throughout the State.

He was a great man and I join my colleagues in paying tribute to his memory.

Remarks by Representative Hoffman

Of Illinois

Mr. HOFFMAN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute today to the memory of SID SIMPSON. While it was not my privilege to serve with him as a Member of this House, I knew Congressman SIMPSON personally for many years and of his faithful, able and distinctive representation of the 20th District of Illinois for eight consecutive terms.

Congressman SIMPSON brought to the House a warm and deep understanding of the problems, hopes and wishes, not only of his district but the State of Illinois. His own philosophies and deep-seated devotion to his duties and responsibilities were known to everyone. His complete dedication to service was certainly illustrated in his last few moments when he spoke at the dedication of a new addition to the Illini Hospital at Pittsfield.

I first knew SID as a county chairman. For 22 years he served Greene County, Ill., as its Republican county chairman. For 22 years his fellow committeemen recognized him as an outstanding leader. For 10 years the Republican county chairmen of Illinois recognized his ability by electing him an officer of the Illinois Republican County Chairman's Association. His outstanding leadership and his ability to analyze political problems were known throughout the State.

I well recall an incident that happened a few years ago. I asked him to come to my county and make a speech. It involved a trip of some 400 miles, but SID appeared. The remarkable part of it was that both of his arms were broken and in casts. To me this typified the man's relentless service to his fellow human beings.

I made this statement during his lifetime, and I would like to make it again today. In my opinion, SID SIMPSON came closer to being an Abraham Lincoln than anyone else I know. His district and the State of Illinois lost an able Representative, and I, a true friend.

Mrs. Hoffman and I extend to his wife, Edna, and all the other members of his family our deepest sympathies and warm affections.

Remarks by Representative Abernethy

Of Mississippi

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen], and the other Members of the Illinois delegation in the sentiment that has been expressed regarding the passing of our colleague, SID SIMPSON. I came into the Congress with SID SIMPSON in 1943. I knew him well. I learned to know him early in my service here. I was assigned to the Committee on Agriculture and also to the Committee on the District of Columbia, on which we served together. During my service on those committees I came to know and love SID SIMPSON as well as any Member I have ever known. SID was a true, devoted public servant. He was scrupulous and fair. And, as one of the Members said a moment ago, he knew how to live. Indeed he did. He lived with ease; he lived freely, and he lived a good life, a life that has been worth something to his district, and to his State, and to his country. I was shocked terribly when I learned of SID'S passing. I could hardly believe that it was so. I always enjoyed his company, and I deeply appreciated his friendship. I would like to convey to his good wife, our colleague, and his children the sympathy of my family.

Remarks by Representative Gathings

Of Arkansas

Mr. GATHINGS. Mr. Speaker, as I was traveling about the First District of Arkansas last fall I was deeply grieved to hear a flash over the radio in my car of the passing of my good friend, SID SIMPSON. We were closely associated for many years on the Committee on Agriculture. He served on the Cotton Subcommittee and interested himself in the problems of this important commodity. The expressions that have been made here today bring out clearly the type of man SID SIMPSON was, when it was related that he fulfilled a speaking engagement with two broken arms. As a matter of fact, he had no cotton in his district, but year in and year out he attended the meetings of that subcommittee and gave of himself in the interest of problems of the cotton farmer. He is deeply missed in the Committee on Agriculture. I have lost a true friend—a friend that put service above self.

Remarks by Representative Auchincloss

Of New Jersey

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was indeed very much shocked when I learned of the sudden and untimely death of our late colleague, SID SIMPSON, who represented so well the 20th District of Illinois.

SID SIMPSON came to Congress the same time I did and I always valued our association and his friendship. We served together for many years on the Committee for the District of Columbia and his sane, wise approach to the many problems which confronted us were stimulating and constructive. He was an understanding character with an honest and straightforward manner with everyone which won him great respect and many friends. He served his constituency assiduously and well and fulfilled his responsibilities to them with zeal and fidelity.

His widow and children must be comforted in the knowledge that he was a faithful servant and be strengthened by his example of courage and devotion to duty.

Remarks by Representative Collier

Of Illinois

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, I deem it a solemn privilege to join my colleagues on this sad occasion in paying tribute to our former colleague, SID SIMPSON of my State. In the 2 years of my association with him, I learned to value, as most of you did, his knowledge, his wisdom, and his willingness at all times to be of assistance to all of us, particularly the new Members. It is fitting that in this session of the Congress we have his very able wife as a Member of this body to carry on the fine work that SID did for so many years. I know that we all have missed him and shall continue to do so. His district has lost a very fine Representative, and the country has lost a great American.

Remarks by Representative Feighan

Of Ohio

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, the passing of my very dear friend, SID SIMPSON, came to me as a harsh shock. It was my privilege to come to Congress the same day SID came. For 4 years I served with him as a member of the District of Columbia Committee, and for 12 years thereafter it was my pleasure to have my office suite adjoining his. During those 16 years I came to know SID SIMPSON extremely well and I had a warm regard for him. We were neighbors in the truest sense and SID rarely left his office in the evening without saying a friendly good night. Mr. SIMPSON passed my office on his homeward way in the evening and many times when both of us had worked late, he would stop at my door for a few brief words, filled with humor, which seemed to lighten the burdens of the day. Often, on occasions during the day when I visited SID in his office, I found his cheerful mood, his friendly spirit, and his keen sense of humor as refreshing as a new day.

SID was perhaps the greatest raconteur who has ever been in Congress. His tremendous popularity was not confined to his district alone. Everyone with whom he came in contact felt the warmth and sincerity of his magnetic personality. The words of a former director of publicity for the Democratic National Committee expressed succinctly the feeling for SID by people who knew him, when he said: "How could anyone ever vote against SID?"

To Mrs. Simpson, their two charming daughters, and grandchildren, of whom he was so proud and to whom he was so devoted, I express my sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Price

Of Illinois

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I knew SID SIMPSON long before I sat in this Chamber as a Member. If you lived in the area in which I live, even though almost 75 miles from Carrollton, SID'S beloved home community, it would have been difficult not to know him—so general was his reputation as a good neighbor and fine friend.

I was close enough to him personally to know his fine qualities and lived close enough to his home in Greene County to know the great admiration his people held for him. His friends were found by the hundreds beyond his district boundaries, and in particular were they numerous in Madison County in my own district. They spoke with enthusiasm and respect whenever they mentioned their friend, SID SIMPSON.

I seldom made a trip home without finding many of my own personal friends solicitous about SID SIMPSON. He generated a warmth that left the kindest of feelings with everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

To Mrs. Simpson and her family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative O'Brien

Of Illinois

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Democratic Illinois delegation, and as a warm personal friend of the late Congressman since 1943, I was sad to learn of his death, when on October 26, 1958, the Nation lost an outstanding Member of Congress. We lost a colleague and a friend for whom we had the highest affection and respect. The State of Illinois lost a great friend and leader. The people of the 20th District of Illinois loved him for his fearless courage, for his well-balanced judgment, and the untiring service he rendered in their behalf.

The life of SID SIMPSON, Mr. Speaker, is a wonderful example of real citizenship, of devotion to public duty, and possessing the quality of understanding the problems of those he represented.

SID SIMPSON possessed unqualified devotion to what he believed was his duty; his sudden death occurred at the conclusion of his dedication of a new wing at Illinois Community Hospital in Pittsfield, Ill.

To his brave wife, who is serving so ably in the 86th Congress, and his two daughters, I extend my sincere sympathy. I am certain they can find comfort in the splendid record of Mr. SIMPSON's life. The path of life for our colleague led from the little community in Illinois to the Capitol of the United States. Through service he accomplished this.

Today we pay tribute to SID SIMPSON; there are many things to say and lots of ways to say them, but in eulogy to him, I say, "He was my friend."

Remarks by Representative Murphy

Of Illinois

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues from Illinois and other Members in paying tribute to the memory of the late Honorable SID SIMPSON.

Although we were not members of the same party, I had the privilege of knowing Mr. SIMPSON for a great number of years in our home State of Illinois. He was a tireless worker in his party and the district which he represented for eight consecutive terms. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

I should like to extend my profound sympathy to Mrs. Simpson who now has the honor to represent the district and carry out the ideals of her late husband, and to the other members of her family.

Remarks by Representative McMillan

Of South Carolina

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened when I received a message of the passing of my good friend and colleague, SID SIMPSON. I want to join with my other colleagues in expressing my feeling of personal loss in his passing.

I considered SID SIMPSON one of my closest, personal friends since we worked together for approximately 16 years on the House District Committee and interchanged as its chairman on two different occasions. We also worked together as members of the House Agriculture Committee and usually held the same opinion on proposed legislation pending before both the District and Agriculture Committees.

I found Mr. SIMPSON to be a source of strength not only in relation to the principles for which he stood, but also the soundness of his thinking at all times. Mr. SIMPSON never became excited over any proposed legislation and usually in his calm manner came up with a sound solution for practically all problems that came before the two committees on which we were privileged to serve together here in the Congress for approximately 18 years.

Mr. SIMPSON always had great respect for his fellow man and gave careful consideration to both sides of any issue that was presented to our committee. He was a great family man and I had the pleasure and privilege of seeing him and Mrs. Simpson on several trips during our term of service together here as Members of the U.S. Congress.

As members of the House District Committee we were continuously confronted with numerous controversial problems. We always managed to work out these problems without fric-

tion or without causing a division between the majority and the minority members of our committee.

The passing of this great statesman certainly brings a great deal of grief to all of us. I shall remember SID SIMPSON as long as I live as a great statesman and as a gentleman under all circumstances. I do not know of any man who has served in the U.S. Congress during my lifetime who has demanded respect from both sides of the aisle as completely as my good friend, Congressman SIMPSON. He was unanimously liked by both liberals and conservatives on both sides of the aisle.

Mrs. McMillan joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Simpson and her children. I shall personally miss SID SIMPSON as a coworker and as a true friend.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I shall take advantage of this opportunity to join my colleagues in the House in paying tribute to a great American and able legislator, the Honorable SID SIMPSON, of the 20th District of Illinois, whose sudden and untimely death occurred on last October 26.

I first became acquainted with SID SIMPSON soon after I came to the House in June 1944, and we immediately became friends. I considered SID a most diligent and conscientious Member who had the confidence and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

I shall always remember SID SIMPSON with fond memories.

The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well;
And while he sleeps a peaceful sleep,
His memory we shall always keep.

Remarks by Representative Yates

Of Illinois

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the sudden death of SID SIMPSON. SID was a good friend, a gentleman, and an able legislator.

I liked SID SIMPSON from the first time I met him. He was friendly and helpful and always went out of his way to do a good turn if he could. He was considerate and fair in all his dealings, and if he disagreed with you, he told you so. He was direct and aboveboard. Courage and honesty were among his strongest attributes.

SID regarded his congressional duties as a sacred trust, working hard and long to take care of the interests of the people he represented so well. His loss will be felt not only by his constituents, but by the entire country in no longer having the benefit of his keen intellect and mature judgment.

To his fine wife and two daughters I extend my sincere sympathy with the hope that time will heal the profound grief they now feel.

Remarks by Representative Mack

Of Illinois

Mr. MACK of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in SID SIMPSON Illinois had a man worthy of the honor of representing one of the most historic districts in America. SID, as he was affectionately known by all of us, represented part of the Lincoln country along the Illinois and Sangamon Rivers. Part of his district was represented by Abraham Lincoln when he served in Congress over 100 years ago. It included New Salem State Park and adjoined historic Sangamon County. SID SIMPSON lived in the Abraham Lincoln tradition. Like Lincoln, he was a Republican, but also like Lincoln he represented the common people and placed their welfare and the welfare of his country above his party. He ably and effectively represented the interests of his people in the House of Representatives. Through his efforts effective steps were taken to control the floodwaters of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. His record will stand as a challenge to those who follow him. Mr. Speaker, the Nation has lost one of its best legislators. The great State of Illinois has lost one of its finest citizens. The people of his district have lost one who thoroughly understood their problems. I have lost a personal friend and a good neighbor. Although of different political parties, SID counseled me when I first came to Congress some 10 years ago. He had been a close friend of my father for some 40 years. Along with my father he was a pioneer in the automotive business in downstate Illinois. His untimely death came only 5 days after my father passed away. I shall miss SID SIMPSON as he will be missed by his many friends back in Illinois and I sympathize with his wonderful family as I fully understand what a great loss this has been to them.

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is with immeasurable sadness that we return to the contemplation of the untimely passing of our esteemed friend and colleague who left this life at the very peak of his career and at a time when his contributions to his State and the Nation had reached impressive proportions.

It was my great privilege to sit at his side on the Committee on Agriculture and it was a rich experience to have the benefit of his own down-to-earth philosophy which was always permeated with a compelling sense of humor. In the day-to-day interchange between the members and in interrogating witnesses he displayed a firm grasp of the economics of our farm problem but never pressed his views to the point where he departed from those gentlemanly characteristics which were the hallmark of his legislative career.

This path we tread is all too short and we are made better when in the course of our journey we are permitted to travel in company with a generous, lighthearted companion such as was the one we mourn. We shall always cherish his memory and we shall remember in our devotions his charming wife and children who have carried on in his absence in a manner that would have delighted his soul. To them go our heartfelt sympathy and the assurance that their loss has also been very real to those of us who have been honored to call him friend.

Remarks by Representative Cooley

Of North Carolina

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, mysterious are the vicissitudes of human life. Frail and precarious are our best holds upon human happiness. A brief while ago our friend and beloved colleague, SID SIMPSON, lived and labored with us. Heaven has now crowned his life. In the golden hours of his grandest achievements his soul slipped through the curtain of stars to the place we call "The Great Unknown." He has gone across the Crystal Sea to receive the full reward and the glorious fate which he by his strong faith so richly merits.

Many long years I cherished SID SIMPSON's friendship. By his intelligent devotion to duty, his unswerving fidelity to truth, his great integrity, and the honest and courageous manner in which he discharged all of the vital functions of his high office, he distinguished himself in the service of his country and endeared himself to all of his colleagues in Congress. He was a good, a great, and a gentle and modest man.

I express my deep sympathy to his charming wife and lovely daughters and to all of his loved ones, all of whom can take just pride in the life he lived. To SID SIMPSON's loved ones may I say that my earnest prayer for them is that the Light of Heaven will illuminate their pathway and be the Master Light of all their seeing and may the Lord's blessing rest upon them.

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FRIDAY, *January 9, 1959.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming over from the House of Representatives which will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable SID SIMPSON, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution, and ask that it be read and immediately considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 14) as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. SID SIMPSON, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until 10 a.m. on Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from the State of Illinois, SID SIMPSON, I move that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock on Monday next.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 8 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.) the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative SID SIMPSON adjourned until Monday, January 12, 1959, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Remarks by Senator Douglas

Of Illinois

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, the late SID SIMPSON was a Representative from the State of Illinois for a period of 16 years, from the famous Illinois 20th District. It had always been a Democratic district. It was the district from which Henry T. Rainey was sent for many years. Representative Rainey, in due course of time, became Speaker of the House of Representatives, and died while he was in that office. Speaker Rainey was succeeded as a Representative by Scott Lucas, my good friend, who served with great distinction and credit not only in the House, but in the Senate to which he was elected in 1938 and where he served 12 more years. Following Scott Lucas, the late James M. Barnes was elected as a Representative of the district for two terms.

SID SIMPSON was elected in 1942, and we were never able to take the district away from him. He won no less than eight consecutive elections. This was a district which we had always regarded as strongly Democratic, a district which generally voted Democratic for other offices, but not Democratic for a Representative to Congress when SID SIMPSON was running.

I disagreed with the political views of Mr. SIMPSON, but I, as did everyone else, liked him as a person. That was the general sentiment of the people of the 20th District.

In my opinion, he would have been unbeatable so long as he lived and so long as he desired to run for reelection.

He was a good man, without the slightest touch of viciousness in him—generous, kindly, anxious to help people, and an extremely good citizen, who had a good father and good

mother, and who was a credit to our country and to our State.

The loss has been very heavy. He has been succeeded by his widow, so the name of SID SIMPSON is continued from the 20th District.

I wish to join with his many friends in paying my respects to his fine qualities.

Remarks by Senator Dirksen

Of Illinois

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, I have known SID SIMPSON for a long, long time. To me he was one of the most gracious characters I ever knew. One testimony to him is that without compensation and only because of his fealty to party ideals he served, I think, as a precinct committeeman in the State for as long as anyone I can remember. I think it is a great testimony to any individual that he would take a humble party position and pursue it with great fidelity year after year, season in and season out, and do it only because of his interest in government and interest in politics in the very finest sense, believing, of course, that he could make a contribution to the well being of the country.

One need not look very far for the reasons which compelled the electorate in the district to return SID SIMPSON to Washington term after term for a great many years. He was gracious, kindly, Christian, with a very fine family, whose friends were legion. We mourn his passing.

I was delighted indeed that the tradition of the district was carried on by the election of Mrs. Edna Simpson, his widow, to the place SID SIMPSON occupied in the Congress. A rather interesting commentary is the fact that he passed away, as I recall, about 10 days before election day, and it became necessary to make some very hasty moves under the State law in order to engross the name of Mrs. Simpson upon the ballot, yet with so little preparation I think she was elected to the position she now occupies in the Congress by a majority in excess of 15,000 votes. It is a testimony to the Simpson name and to SID SIMPSON, who so effectively and so courageously represented the people of that district for a great many terms in the House of Representatives. As I say, we mourn his passing and we revere his memory as a statesman, as a fine citizen, a fine family man, and as a very durable friend.

Remarks by Senator Case

Of New Jersey

Mr. CASE of New Jersey. I desire to associate myself wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by the Senator from Illinois in regard to SID SIMPSON. I was a colleague of his in the House for the whole time I was in the House. He was a warm and close friend of mine, and a man for whom I had the deepest affection and respect.

Everything the Senator from Illinois has said about SID SIMPSON as a person is true, and is known to be true by his thousands of friends and all his associates.

I join with the Senator from Illinois in expressing my condolences to his family and to all of those close to him. He was a man we could not well afford to lose, and whom we shall find it very hard to replace.

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